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DROUGHT LIVESTOCK FEED PROGRAM

AVAILABLE IN TWO COUNTIES

RENO, NV, January 5, 2004 – Livestock producers in Elko and Humboldt counties are now eligible to participate in a USDA-sponsored program to provide nonfat dry milk for use as an animal feed supplement, announced Don Henderson, Director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

"We are working together with the USDA Farm Service Agency, Cooperative Extension and the Nevada Association of Counties to deliver this important opportunity to the livestock producers in Nevada counties hardest hit by the drought," said Henderson.

Elko and Humboldt county livestock producers with breeding or replacement cattle, buffalo, sheep and goats are eligible for this program. Producers will need to sign up with the Nevada Department of Agriculture to participate in the program, after which they will receive vouchers for nonfat dry milk. These vouchers can be traded with participating feed companies for feed commodities.

More information about the program is available at the Nevada Department of Agriculture website <http://agri.state.nv.us>, the USDA Farm Service Agency website <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/ndm.htm> or by calling 775-688-1180, ext. 281.

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